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assure attainment and maintenance as expeditiously as practicable but no later than the applicable attainment deadline and submit those measures to EPA for approval, together with an appropriate demonstration of attainment. The provisions in the regulation submitted on October 7, 1985, that give the Jefferson County Health Officer discretion to vary the requirements of the regulation are approved as limits on that discretion, but any variances that may result from those provisions are not approved in advance and hence change the applicable implementation plan only when approved by EPA on a case-by-case basis.

[49 FR 18738, May 2, 1984, as amended at 52 FR 4291, Feb. 11, 1987]

§ 52.60 Significant deterioration of air quality.

(a) All applications and other information required pursuant to § 52.21 from sources located in the State of Alabama shall be submitted to the State agency, Alabama Department of Environmental Management, P.O. Box 301463, Montgomery, Alabama 36130-1463, rather than to EPA's Region 4 office. (b) On March 24, 1987, the Alabama Department of Environmental Management submitted a letter committing the State of Alabama to require that modeling for PSD permits be done only in accordance with the "Guideline on Air Quality Models (Revised)" or other models approved by EPA.

[42 FR 22869, May 5, 1977, as amended at 46 FR 55518, Nov. 10, 1981; 52 FR 48812, Dec. 28, 1987; 74 FR 55143, Oct. 27, 2009]

§ 52.61 Visibility protection.

(a) The requirements of section 169A of the Clean Air Act are not met because the plan does not include approvable procedures for protection of visibility in mandatory Class I Federal areas.

(b) *Long-term strategy.* The provisions of § 52.29 are hereby incorporated into the applicable plan for the State of Alabama.

[52 FR 45138, Nov. 24, 1987]

EFFECTIVE DATE NOTES: 1. At 77 FR 33656, June 7, 2012, § 52.61 was amended by revising paragraph (a) and adding a new paragraph (c), effective August 6, 2012. For the conven-

ience of the user, the added and revised text is set forth as follows:

§ 52.61 Visibility protection.

(a) *Reasonably Attributable Visibility Impairment.* The requirements of section 169A of the Clean Air Act are not met because the plan does not include approvable measures for meeting the requirements of 40 CFR 51.306 for protection of visibility in mandatory Class I Federal areas.

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(c) *Regional Haze.* The requirements of section 169A of the Clean Air Act are not met because the regional haze plan submitted by Alabama on July 15, 2008, does not include fully approvable measures for meeting the requirements of 40 CFR 51.308(d)(3) and 51.308(e) with respect to emissions of NO_x and SO₂ from electric generating units. EPA has given limited disapproval to the plan provisions addressing these requirements.

2. At 77 FR 38523, June 28, 2012, § 52.61 was amended by removing and reserving paragraph (a), effective Aug. 7, 2012.

§ 52.62 Control strategy: Sulfur oxides and particulate matter.

In a letter dated May 29, 1987, the Alabama Department of Health and Environmental Control certified that no emission limits in the State's plan are based on dispersion techniques not permitted by EPA's stack height rules. The certification does not apply to: Alabama Electric Cooperative—Lowman Steam Plant; Alabama Power Company-Gorgas Steam Plant, Gaston Steam Plant, Greene County Steam Plant, Gadsden Steam Plant, Miller Steam Plant, and Barry Steam Plant; Alabama River Pulp; Champion International Corporation; Container Corporation of America; Exxon Company's Big Escambia Creek Treating Facility; General Electric's Burkville Plant; International Paper; Scott Paper Company; Tennessee Valley Authority's Colbert, and Widows Creek Steam Plant; Union Camp Corporation; and U.S. Steel.

(a) *Determination of Attaining Data.* EPA has determined, as of September 20, 2010, the Birmingham, Alabama, nonattainment area has attaining data for the 2006 24-hour PM_{2.5} NAAQS. This clean data determination, in accordance with 40 CFR 51.1004(c), suspends

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the requirements for this area to submit an attainment demonstration, associated reasonably available control measures, a reasonable further progress plan, contingency measures, and other planning SIPs related to attainment of the standard for as long as this area continues to meet the 2006 24-hour PM_{2.5} NAAQS.

(b) *Determination of Attaining Data.* EPA has determined, as of May 31, 2011, the Chattanooga, Tennessee, nonattainment area has attaining data for the 1997 annual PM_{2.5} NAAQS. This determination, in accordance with 40 CFR 52.1004(c), suspends the requirements for this area to submit an attainment demonstration, associated reasonably available control measures, a reasonable further progress plan, contingency measures, and other planning SIPs related to attainment of the standard for as long as this area continues to meet the 1997 annual PM_{2.5} NAAQS.

(c) *Determination of attaining data.* EPA has determined, as of June 29, 2011, the Birmingham, Alabama, nonattainment area has attaining data for the 1997 annual PM_{2.5} NAAQS. This determination, in accordance with 40 CFR 52.1004(c), suspends the requirements for this area to submit an attainment demonstration, associated reasonably available control measures, a reasonable further progress plan, contingency measures, and other planning SIPs related to attainment of the standard for as long as this area continues to meet the 1997 annual PM_{2.5} NAAQS.

(d) *Disapproval.* EPA is disapproving portions of Alabama's Infrastructure SIP for the 2006 24-hour PM_{2.5} NAAQS addressing interstate transport, specifically with respect to section 110(a)(2)(D)(i)(I).

[55 FR 5846, Feb. 20, 1990, as amended at 75 FR 57187, Sept. 20, 2010; 76 FR 31241, May 31, 2011; 76 FR 38024, June 29, 2011; 76 FR 43136, July 20, 2011]

§ 52.63 PM₁₀ State Implementation Plan development in group II areas.

On March 15, 1989, the State submitted a committal SIP for the cities of Leeds and North Birmingham in Jefferson County. The committal SIP contains all the requirements identified in

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the July 1, 1987, promulgation of the SIP requirements for PM₁₀ at 52 FR 24681. The SIP commits the State to submit an emissions inventory, continue to monitor for PM₁₀, report data and to submit a full SIP if a violation of the PM₁₀ and National Ambient Air Quality Standards is detected.

[56 FR 32514, July 17, 1991]

§ 52.64 Determination of attainment.

Based upon EPA's review of the air quality data for the 3-year period 2007–2009, EPA determined that the Chattanooga, Alabama-Georgia-Tennessee PM_{2.5} nonattainment area attained the 1997 annual PM_{2.5} NAAQS by the applicable attainment date of April 5, 2010. Therefore, EPA has met the requirement pursuant to CAA section 179(c) to determine, based on the Area's air quality as of the attainment date, whether the Area attained the standard. EPA also determined that the Chattanooga, Alabama-Georgia-Tennessee PM_{2.5} nonattainment area is not subject to the consequences of failing to attain pursuant to section 179(d).

[76 FR 55575, Sept. 8, 2011]

§ 52.65 Control Strategy: Nitrogen oxides.

On October 22, 1990, the Alabama Department of Environmental Management submitted a revision to Chapter 2, Control Strategy, by adding subsection 4.2.3. This revision addressed the strategy Alabama is using to implement provisions of the Prevention of Significant Deterioration regulations for nitrogen oxides.

[57 FR 24370, June 9, 1992]

§ 52.66 Control Strategy: Ozone.

(a) The redesignation request submitted by the State of Alabama, on March 16, 1995 for the Birmingham marginal ozone nonattainment area from nonattainment to attainment was disapproved on September 19, 1997.

(b) The State of Alabama is required to submit an attainment demonstration SIP for the Birmingham 1-hour ozone nonattainment area by April 27, 2001. For purposes of the SIP revision required by this section, EPA may make a finding as applicable under section 179(a)(1)–(4) of the CAA, 42 U.S.C.